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*For Teresa and Christel*

"*Primary causes are unknown to us; but are subject to simple and constant laws, which may be discovered by observation, the study of them being the subject of natural philosophy... Profound study of nature is the most fertile source of mathematical discoveries*"

J.-B.J. Fourier (preliminary discourse to the *Theory of Heat*)